

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for controlling audio/visual signal distribution includes receiving an input signal and prefiltering the input signal. Plural quantized coefficients are generated from the input signal and have a variable coarseness. The plural quantized coefficients are encoded and transmitted to a transmission buffer. During operation, the occupancy level within the transmission buffer is monitored. Based on the occupancy level, the coarseness of the plural quantized coefficients is varied accordingly.